

1 September 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 1 September 1981

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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The Director reviewed highlights of his trip of 25 through 28 August
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The Director noted that the President is scheduled to return to Washington on 3 September and that he anticipates a pickup in the tempo of business. []

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The Director reviewed a number of ongoing issues: CIA support to the White House re the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Begin; the full attention that the current situation in Central America requires (in this regard he noted that today's NFIB will review SNIE 82/83-81: Insurgency and Instability in Central America, with probable approval at next week's NFIB); the need to expedite our assessment of possible Soviet reactions to US strategic decisions e.g., MX deployment; support for UN Ambassador Kirkpatrick; the completion of the draft of Executive Order 12036 and his visits planned with key Congressional members next week before review of the Order by the Intelligence Committees. []

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Looking further ahead, the Director stated that he has asked Gates to review substantive and organizational issues that we should address during the remainder of the year. Gates will be soliciting ideas/concerns from Deputy Directors and Independent Office Heads. []

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Fitzwater stated that he anticipated more and not necessarily good press on CIA attempts to sell []

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Sporkin reported that the draft of Executive Order 12036 is ready to be sent to the NSC Staff. The Director replied that he will contact Allen concerning it. Sporkin also noted that Executive Order 12065 has been delivered to the NSC Staff.

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Glerum asked that organizations exercise caution in lifting individuals' cover so that they may attend external training.

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George reported that because of the worsening situation in El Salvador --including new and extensive interruptions of electricity--US Ambassador Hinton has declared a state of national disaster--a declaration which will permit transfer of assistance funds.

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Note was taken by meeting participants of recent terrorist bombings in Iran, Peru, Austria, and Germany.

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The Director asked McMahon to expedite review of the SNIE on terrorism with an end to releasing it on an unclassified basis.

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